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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHUNICHI SEKIGUCHI ET AL : EXAMINER: HUNG, Y.  
SERIAL NO: 10/003,113 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 6, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2624  
FOR: IMAGE CODING/DECODING :  
METHOD, IMAGE CODING APPARATUS  
AND IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS  
FOR OBTAINING DECODED IMAGES  
HAVING SMALL DISTORTION IN DCT  
BASED STANDARD  
CODING/DECODING

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application is as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.